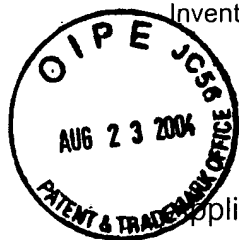


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Enclosed herewith is Form PTO-1449 (Modified) which lists various references submitted by Applicant for consideration. Also, enclosed herewith are copies of each of the foreign references listed in the Form PTO-1449 (Modified). The Examiner is requested to review each of the references, indicate that the references were reviewed by initialing the Form PTO-1449 (Modified) for each reference, and returning a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 (Modified) to the Applicant.

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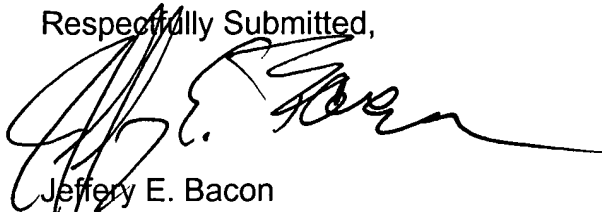
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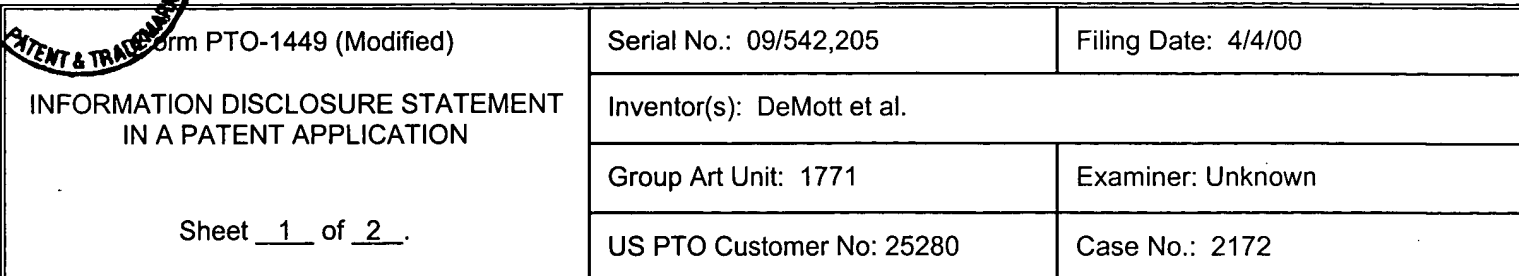
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